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PLANS FOR PACIFIC CABLE

London, July 25.—In the House of Commons William St. John Brodrick, speaking for the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Joseph Chamberlain, said the general line of the agreement for the construction of the Pacific cable had been reached by the imperial and colonial authorities. The authorities had been informed, Brodrick said, by the Eastern Telegraph Company, that they were prepared to lay a cable from South Africa to Australia without pecuniary advance of any kind, and that on receipt of landing rights for the new cable they will forthwith reduce the Australian rate to 4 shillings a word.

Ottawa (Ont.), July 25.—In the House of Commons today William Mullock, Postmaster-General, moved the House into committee on a resolution providing that Canada shall contribute five eightieths of the expense of laying the Pacific cable from British Columbia to Australia, Great Britain contributing five-eightieths and the Australian colonies the balance, eight eightieths. The Postmaster-General said that he would move an amendment in committee providing that Canada should have two representatives on the board and Great Britain and the Australian colonies three.

Cricket Match a Draw.
Manchester, July 19.—The fourth test match of cricket between the Australian team and players of England was continued today. When the Australians had scored 316 runs for seven wickets down in their second inning they declared the inning closed. The game was drawn after the English eleven had scored 94 runs for eight wickets down.

Houston Has Resigned.
Lieut. Houston, first lieutenant of the Mounted Patrol, has resigned from the position. As yet no one has been appointed to fill the place.

COL. ROBT. INGERSOLL DEAD

New York, July 21.—Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll, lover of liberty, orator, author, lecturer, humanitarian, lawyer, and the greatest agnostic of his day, died suddenly at noon today at his country home, Washington, Dobbs Ferry, N. Y. Heart trouble—angina pectoris—ended his wonderful life with a single stroke. He did not die as he would have chosen to die, slowly, conscious to the last. The end came in the twinkling of an eye, instant transition apparently from good health to death. The smile that started to mantle his features was never finished. He died before his wife could seize his hand.

A few days ago Colonel Ingersoll spoke to his brother-in-law, C. P. Farrell of Clark Ingersoll, his dearly loved brother, who died in 1879. They chatted on and Colonel Ingersoll spoke again slowly and solemnly:

"When I was a young man," he said, "I wanted to die suddenly. No lingering for me. But I have changed now, I want to die slowly. I want to be conscious to the last. I hope to know the sensations of approaching death. I have some things I want to say. Those things never will be said. He never knew death's sensations. A smile, a gasp that choked away the smile, a slight backward fall of the head and his life was at an end. The great agnostic was dead at 11:45 a. m. Though his family of loved ones were in the house, they had not time to get to his side. Only Mrs. Ingersoll and the housekeeper, who were in the room, were with him. There was nothing they could do, though they tried everything, and the doctors who came soon afterward tried everything.

Russia and Japan Arming.
Paris, July 25.—The Politika Coloniale states that Russia and Japan are arming with a view to possible conflict in Corea.

FIGHTING JOE IN HONOLULU

General Wheeler En Route to Manila on the Tartar.

19th Infantry's Record Journey—Miss Wheeler and the Red Cross—Captain Rowan—Mutiny on Board.

Fighting Joe Wheeler is in town, having arrived early this morning on the U. S. A. transport Tartar en route to the Philippines, where he will report to General Otis for duty.

The General favored a BULLETIN representative with an interview this morning, when he said: "It did me good when at sunrise this morning I beheld this beautiful island looming up over our bow, for it put me forcibly in mind of the Cuban shores, where I have spent so many days of hard fighting, and at the same time pleasant experiences.

"I have never been in this part of the world before, yet I have the pleasure of knowing several of your citizens. I am acquainted with Mr. DeLoe, Mr. F. M. Hatch, Judge Hartwell, and many others, and intend calling upon the former today.

"Last winter I was on duty in Congress, and I expect to return to Congress in December.

"I am travelling as a passenger to Manila, where I report to General Otis. I cannot say definitely what my duties there will be.

"The General was much more inclined to talk of Hawaii than of his Cuban experiences. He is an exceedingly modest man, and speaks reluctantly of himself.

"I have with me," he said, "the American flag hoisted at Santiago on the 17th of July. Before the Stars and Stripes displaced it the Spanish flag had floated there steadily for 382 years.

"O yes, I saw a little fighting in Cuba, I commanded a body of cavalry at San Juan, we did our duty; but I'd rather stop in Honolulu than in Santiago. I have my daughter with me, she was in Cuba too; let us go on deck and find her."

Miss Wheeler spoke most enthusiastically of the opportunities she had fortunately taken advantage of. Her father and brother were at the front and she would not be left at home when she might be of help in the field. She went to Cuba with her father and took charge of the yellow fever hospital at Santiago; Miss Wheeler was the only volunteer nurse there, and as there were no trained nurses in the field at the time, she took charge. As many as 80 and 90 patients were in the hospital at a time, and her brother was among them.

When Miss Wheeler returned to New York she took a special course of training at St. Luke's Hospital. She goes to the Philippines as a volunteer, as one of the Red Cross Society, and also with the authorization of the U. S. Government.

The troops aboard the Tartar consist of 1140 enlisted men nearly all of the 19th Infantry, which has taken the longest journey of any body of U. S. troops in American history, from Ponce, Porto Rico to New York, thence to Camp Meade for a month's recuperation and from there to Honolulu via San Francisco, and in two days to resume the trip to Manila. From the time they started out nearly 20,000 miles have been traversed. The 19th have been in the field since April 19, 1898.

Captain Andrew S. Rowan who is aboard the Tartar won world wide fame at the outbreak of hostilities between America and Spain by carrying a message from President McKinley to General Garcia; the story is now history.

While in San Francisco shortly before sailing, a mutiny took place on the Tartar. The Chinese crew refused duty and demanded increased pay. Consul Show Ting

was asked to effect a settlement but the coolies would not listen to him. The captain was about to send them home as mutineers, when they surrendered.

ALGER OTIS, ROOT IN.

Washington, July 20.—President McKinley today accepted the resignation of Secretary Alger, to take effect August 1, and the Secretary's formal retirement from the Cabinet will be marked by a prepared statement to be given to the press at that time, in which his friends say he will defend his administration of the War Department in the war with Spain and will tell the story as to how the tender of his resignation was brought about.

Washington, July 21.—Elihu Root of New York, lawyer, reformer and Republican leader, will probably be the next Secretary of War. President McKinley decided today to tender him the War portfolio, and it is believed he will accept it.

OOM PAUL'S RESIGNATION

London, July 25.—Reports regarding the resignation of President Paul Krueger of the South African Republic are conflicting, but, according to the best information, he actually resigned his office conditionally. The Volksraad, while maintaining its opposition to President Krueger on the dynamite concession, has given its assurance that it still has the utmost confidence in President Krueger, and it is believed he has withdrawn his resignation. As to the difference of opinion on the dynamite concession, General Joubert, Vice-President of the republic, and the majority of the Volksraad favor cancellation of the monopoly, while President Krueger supports it. The minority of the Volksraad desire to buy out the company.

ON AUGUST 12.

Minister Mott-Smith, in speaking of the celebration of August 12 this forenoon, said: "The people down town do not seem to be very keen about celebrating August 12. They are perfectly willing to come up and help the Government celebrate but they do not care to do anything on their own hook.

"We will have a reception and ball. The band will play, flags will be hoisted, and all the Government offices will close. That is all. If the Fourth of July committee has any fireworks to set off we will be perfectly willing to allow them to do this on the Executive building grounds. The Government cannot indulge in fireworks, as their money is short."

DEWEY AT TRIESTE.

London, July 21.—The Trieste correspondent of the Daily Mail telegraphs that Admiral Dewey, in the course of a conversation with the correspondents declared that he had small claim to be regarded as a hero, as nervousness and bad coffee made him dreadfully seasick before the battle of Manila began. The correspondent also said that Admiral Dewey will return to America shortly via Bremen in a mail steamer.

SHAMROCK GETTING READY.

London, July 25.—The yacht Shamrock left Rothesay Bay for Greenock today to complete fitting out for her voyage across the Atlantic, which will be begun a week hence. Sir Thomas Lipton, owner of the challenger, says the crew of the Shamrock will be increased to fifty. Captain Hogarth of the Shamrock refused to express any opinion today as to the yacht's chances for winning the cup, but said, "Tell the Americans not to lay odds."

Postmaster Vestiges.

L. M. Vestiges has been appointed Postmaster for the Island of Lanai. His oath is on file in the clerk's office of the Judiciary Department.

LA NINFA ON THE REEF

Ran On While Beating Up From Kauai to Honolulu.

Present Position Off Pearl Harbor—Chances Of Floating Her Slim—Has 3500 Bags of Paddy Aboard.

The Hawaiian schooner La Ninfa went on the reef off Pearl Harbor at four o'clock yesterday afternoon while on her way from Hanalei, Kauai, to Honolulu with 350 bags of paddy consigned to Hyman Bros. and Wong Kwai. When the La Ninfa struck she was beating into port before a fair wind. Captain Hansen had just gone off watch, and had left the first mate on deck. As soon as the accident happened a signal of distress was immediately displayed, but no one in town or at the lighthouse on the point seemed to notice it. Late in the afternoon a Kauai steamer passing by on her way to the Garden Isle, saw the predicament of the La Ninfa, and sent a boat off with the invitation to take the captain and crew to Kauai. This was declined, and at about dusk the captain, crew, and two passengers, eleven men in all, put off in one of the steamer's boats, and made port at about 1:30 o'clock this morning after a tire some row. It was not decided to leave the ship until it was found that nothing could be done without assistance.

O. Williams, a passenger from Kauai in the La Ninfa, made the following statement: "We had to beat up to port, and got too close in. As soon as the La Ninfa struck she began to rock as in a cradle, and heavy seas sweeping her amidstships encompassed her from bow to stern. The La Ninfa pounded quite a good deal, and before we left her I could see that she was leaking badly. There is no doubt that the cargo is almost a total loss. Whether or no the ship can be saved remains to be seen. She is, at all events, in a serious predicament."

The La Ninfa was built in Port Jefferson, New York, in 1877, and her home port was San Francisco. Several months ago she was brought here and sold to Harry Evans. Just about a month ago she was resold to Wilson & Whitehouse. She is partly covered by insurance.

The La Ninfa's dimensions are as follows: Length over all, 86; breadth, 25.2; depth, 7.4; gross tonnage, 126.22; and net tonnage, 119.91.

At about 11 a. m. the tug boat went out to attempt the rescue of the La Ninfa.

ON BOARD THE TARTAR

The following is a list of the military officers aboard the Tartar: General Wheeler, Colonel Snider, Major Neefe, Capt and Adjutant, Frank McIntyre, who served in Porto Rico under General Gay V. Henry; Capt and Q. M., A. B. Foster, 1st Lt and Commissary, T. B. Watson, 1st Lt and Battalion Adjutant James Romayne, 1st Lt James H. Bradford Jr, Captains E. D. Smith; Captain Evans, formerly Provost Marshal at Cardenas, Cuba; Tyler Hansen, Rowan, the man who carried the message to Garcia and E. P. Lawton; 1st Lieutenants: W. B. Ficus, F. G. Lawton, W. C. Valentine, Cromwell Stacey, Geo. W. Helm, Edward Croft, 2nd Lieutenants: J. L. Hunt, Josephus Cecil, L. S. Loach, E. A. Campbell II, J. L. Ford, Hadsell, Freeman and Mitchell; also 2nd Lt Purviance of the 14th Cavalry, Lt Cassella, Artillery; Lt Weeks, 16th Infantry; Paymaster Downey and wife.

The officers of the Tartar are: Captain Pybus, chief officer Davis, chief engineer Nat Byrne and Surgeon Davidson.

The Tartar is a British boat chartered by the government for the transport service.

There are several ladies aboard: Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Lynch, Mrs. Bun-

ty and Mrs. Ross, going to join relatives in Manila.

Members of the 16th and 23rd Infantry and the 4th Cavalry to the number of 185 are on the transport. Men and officers included, swell the vessel's list to over 1200.

There are 17 tons of specie in the Tartar's hold, representing \$2,500,000 with which to pay the soldiers in the Philippines.

The steamer will remain only a day or two to take on coal when she will sail direct to Manila. A large crowd was at the government dock this morning to see the troops, many of which were granted shore leave immediately.

NO WORK AT PEARL HARBOR

Washington, July 22.—Although the last river and harbor bill contained an appropriation for the improvement of the mouth of Pearl harbor, Hawaiian Islands, so that vessels could enter, nothing will be done about carrying the Act of Congress into effect. It is deemed best to not make these improvements until the Department has acquired land for a naval station in the harbor. Anticipating a syndicate acquired all the available property and holds it at a figure so high that the Navy Department does not believe in purchasing it. At present the harbor of Honolulu will answer all purposes.

CANADA IS STIFF-NECKED.

Ottawa, Ont., July 23.—No undue national sacrifices, even if the consequence be a resort to arbitration of arms, is united Canada's answering indorsement of the sensational official utterances on the Alaskan boundary question delivered in the House of Commons yesterday. Premier Laurier's declaration that a settlement can be reached with the United States only by arbitration or war has called attention to the gravity of the situation in a striking manner. Party lines have been obliterated; factional strife has been thrust to one side for the time being, and a united country stands behind the Liberal Government in its expressed determination not to yield an atom of what are deemed just national rights, unless equivalent concessions are made by the United States.

The President Wheeler.

San Francisco, July 19.—Benjamin Ide Wheeler has accepted the presidency of the University of California and the Regents are delighted. Preliminary to Professor Wheeler's decision the Regents granted all that he desired, and when this was announced Wheeler accepted out of hand. The new head of the University will return at once to Ithaca and will be here again by the opening of the fall semester, ready to assume the duties of his new position.

New Hotel to Open.

C. P. Hauka, manager of the Waiolua hotel, announces that the new Waiolua hotel will be opened next Saturday, Aug. 5.

The Canadian Australian liners are due this week—the Miowara on Thursday from Sydney, and the Aorangi on Friday from Victoria.

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